

Torrance, California
March 12, 1940

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday evening, March 12, 1940 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Mr. Hallanger, substituting for Clerk Bartlett, called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. Absent: Councilmen: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held February 27, 1940 and of an Adjourned Regular Meeting held March 5, 1940 be approved as written. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the WALTERIA Civic Organization, requesting an investigation of the shoulders and paving on Hawthorne Boulevard south of 101 Highway and the paving on Park Street from 238th to 240th Streets. It was also requested that a program for repairing all WALTERIA streets be included when the new budget is set.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the communication be filed for future reference. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Torrance High School, requesting free use of the Civic Auditorium June 6, 1940 for the Junior-Senior Prom.

Councilman McGuire moved that the request be granted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Donald R. Sargent, requesting the City to temporarily waive payment of the customary business license until such time as the business he contemplates operating, to be known as the Torrance Confidential Telephone and Mailing Bureau, renders sufficient returns to enable him to pay said license.

Referred to the City Attorney to determine whether or not this request can legally be granted.

A communication was read from Inez Hunt and Clifford E. King, stating that Chief Stroh and two deputy sheriffs had entered his newly established cafe a few weeks ago and questioned him as to whether or not the cafe is operated in connection with some gambling activity. He said the adverse publicity had been detrimental to his business.

Councilman Hitchcock moved the matter be referred to the Police Commissioner for investigation. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the County of Los Angeles Public Library, recommending that Mr. James Lewis be required to make repairs to the WALTERIA Library building at once. Copy of a communication directed to Mr. James Lewis was read, in which Mr. Lewis was requested to give the matter prompt attention.

Mr. Young reported that Mr. J. C. Smith had complied with his request to erect a barrier around the building at 1619 Cabrillo to eliminate the hazard and that the owner has given assurance the building will be rehabilitated to comply with building restrictions.

Engineer Young gave reports on culverts as requested at a previous meeting. He reported that the culverts at the intersection of Carson Street and Cabrillo Avenue need cleaning out to insure proper functioning and recommended that they be cleared of debris and from lumber, the lumber having been left there at time of construction of culverts. Mr. Young recommended that a double 11-3/4" x 17-1/4" pipe arch culvert at an estimated cost of \$1,220.00 be constructed to replace culvert across Cabrillo Avenue and Border Avenue at 213th Street.

Engineer Young read a communication from the County Sanitation District of Los Angeles County, advising that no storm water can be permitted to enter the sanitary sewer system. Engineer Young stated that the Street Department is engaged at the present time in raising the grade of 231st Street in order that the water will drain toward the east. He said it is contemplated to cut a small ditch across Narbonne Avenue and allow the water to drain further east to seek its low level. He added that this procedure will probably eliminate the necessity of digging a dry well to drain 231st Street.

Engineer Young presented a communication from the California State Relief Administration, advising that Project No. 1812, laborers and clerks, will be discontinued, effective March 31, 1940, due to financial and other limitations imposed by Senate Bill #81.

Engineer Young read a communication from the League of California Cities, announcing a meeting of the Western Public Works Congress and Midyear Meeting of City Engineers and Street Superintendents' Department.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Engineer and Street Superintendent be authorized to attend the meeting, expenses paid. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney McCall announced the date for hearings by the Board of Public Utilities and Transportation of applications of Landier Transit Company, Asbury Rapid Transit System, Inc. and City of Torrance. Hearing date, March 15, 1940 at the City Hall, Los Angeles.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$300.00 be made for sidewalk and curb repair on Manuel Avenue, Engracia Avenue and Eldorado Street. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman McGuire moved that the City Engineer be instructed to draw up plans for a library building at WALTERIA and prepare bids to be called for when funds are available for construction of the building, plans to be submitted to the County Librarian for approval. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mr. Hallanger reported receipt of franchise payment from the Southern California Edison Company for the period January 1, 1939 to December 31, 1940 in the amount of \$1181.13.

Mr. Hallanger announced that a report had been received from the office of the Registrar of Voters, stating that the total registration for the City of Torrance is 4876.

Councilman Hitchcock said the Street Department will have a report to make on the request of Walteria Civic Association for repairs to Neece Avenue from Newton Street to Highway 101 at the next meeting.

Councilman Hitchcock reported an investigation had been made of the request of Mr. Brock to grade Hawthorne Avenue in front of his property and deposit the dirt on the opposite side of the street. He said it is not advisable to comply with this request.

A report on the request of Mr. Kleinfelter to operate a popcorn stand on Catalina Avenue, near the entrance to Palos Verdes Estates, to be made at the next meeting.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$100.00 be made for 1 Marbelite street light pole to be installed on Torrance Boulevard. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson presented a recommendation of Chief Stroh for boulevard stop signs on Acacia Street and Beech Street, and on Engracia Avenue entering Cravens from the East. He also requested some action on a request presented January 23, 1940 for boulevard stops at 174th and 182nd Streets on Prairie Avenue. Chief Stroh recommended further that parking stalls be repainted in the business section.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that all the recommendations of Chief Stroh be complied with. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Caruthers suggested that Mr. Quandt be required to stop the overflow of his water tank in Walteria before the streets are repaired. He said the water washes out the streets as soon as they are repaired. He added that the device on the tank which signals when the water is nearing the top is satisfactory during the daytime, but after everyone leaves the office in the evening, no one watches the signals.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Engineer be requested to ask Mr. Quandt to meet with the City Council at 4:30 Thursday.

Councilman Powell moved that the City Clerk be instructed to notify Mr. Quandt to remedy the matter immediately, and that unless same is done, Mr. Quandt will be held responsible by the City for any and all damage resulting from overflow of the water supply tank. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A request was presented by the DeLuxe Box Lunch and Catering Company for a license to sell box lunches at the industrial plants in the City of Torrance.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be granted. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock moved all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 8:27 P.M., upon motion of Councilman McGuire, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the meeting adjourned.



City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:



Mayor of the City of Torrance